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1. ON 22 APR, AMB READ TO COS SANTIAGO FROM RECENT MEMO OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] ACCCOMPANIED BY [REDACTED] MADE PLEA FOR CAMPAIGN SUPPORT FOR ALESSANDRI TO TUNE OF 3 (SIC) MILLION DOLLARS AND WAS TOLD "NO".

2. AMB SENDING LIMDIS AND (WE GATHER) MAY MAKE POINT THAT ALESSANDRI'S CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT IN SUCH DISARRAY THAT ANY MONEY WOULD BE WASTED. PRESUMABLY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS WILL BE ADDUCED IN SUPPORT OF HANDS-OFF POSTURE.

3. COS POSITION WITH AMB THAT NO USEFUL PURPOSE SERVED BY DIRECT FUNDING OF ALESSANDRI. BEYOND SHADOW OF DOUBT, ALESSANDRI CAMPAIGN SUFFERING FROM SEVERE BUDGETARY STRINGENCIES. ONLY IF DEP STATE ABANDONS NON-INVOLVEMENT STANCE (AND STA NOT RECOMMENDING IT DO SO) WOULD IT BE LOGICAL TO ENTERTAIN SOME FUNDING

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THROUGH [REDACTED] WHOSE ACTION INSTRUMENTALITIES
 CAN RAPIDLY BE BROUGHT TO HIGH LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS.
 COS REITERATED TO AMB, LEAVING POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
 ASIDE, INJECTION OF [REDACTED] WOULD BE OPERATIONALLY
 FEASIBLE AND REASONABLY SECURE.

4. ON 21 APR, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO PROFESSED SELF TAKEN ABACK WHEN
 APPRISED OF APPROX AMOUNTS AVAILABLE TO FUND BALANCE OF
 PROGRAM. HE CLAIMED THOSE AMOUNTS CONSIDERABLY BELOW WHAT
 COS HAD LED HIM AND [REDACTED] TO EXPECT. COS TOLD HIM
 THAT FOR LIMITED PURPOSES OF [REDACTED] AUTHORIZED FUNDING
 CONSIDERED BY STA AMPLE AND THAT MUCH COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.

5. COS STRESSED THAT [REDACTED] HAD NO INTENTION OF
 CAPITALIZAING VAST EXPANSION OF [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING
 [REDACTED] PROPAGANDA WITH ATTRIBUTIABILITY AND THEREWITH
 LEGITIMACY. [REDACTED] FURTHER COUNSELLLED BY COS TO PURSUE
 [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED] EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT AT PROJECTED

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RATE OF FUNDING, MUCH HIGH QUALITY TALENT COULD BE
PERSUADED TO COMMIT SELVES FOR FULL FOUR MONTHS.

ALSO [REDACTED] EXPECTED PROBLEMS TO ARISE WITH INFRASTRUCTURE
MECHANISMS WHICH HAVE TO BE CAJOLED INTO LENDING THEIR
NAMES TO [REDACTED] PROPAGANDA, SINCE NONE OF THEM "PUSH
BUTTONS".

7.

8. [REDACTED] BEING SUBJECTED TO MOUNTING
PRESSURES, ORIGINATING WITH ALESSANDRI, TO TONE DOWN ANTI-MARXIST
CAMPAIGN AND (PRESUMABLY) TO STEP UP ATTACKS AGAINST
TOMIC. IT PROBABLY CLEAR TO [REDACTED] THAT TOMIC IN SECOND
PLACE WOULD POSE MORE FORMIDABLE THREAT TO ALESSANDRI

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THAN ALLENDE IN SAME RELATIVE POSITION. THIS COULD SUGGEST
TO [REDACTED] ADVISABILITY OF CHANGING ELECTION
STRATEGY WHICH AT PESENT DESIGNED TO HOLD DOWN ALLENDE.
IF THEY DECIDE IT SERVES THEIR INTERESTS BEST TO
HAVE ALLENDE EMERGE SECOND, THEN VIGOROUS PURSUIT OF [REDACTED]
OBJECTIVE TO WEAKEN ALLENDE OBVIOUSLY INCOMPATIBLE.
IF [REDACTED] SWITCH SIGNALS, STA WILL NOT ATTEMPT HARD
SELL OF [REDACTED] SINCE THIS WOULD IMPLY PROFESSIONAL
[REDACTED] JUDGMENT THAT ALESSANDRI IN ORDER TO WIN HAS
TO DECIMATE ALLENDE RATHER THAN TOMIC.

9. [REDACTED]

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